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PETITION TO REMOVE SPECIAL STATUS

Applicant respectfully petition under 1.182(c) for removal of the special status accorded this application on December 21, 2006 and for vacating the restriction requirement mailed October 9, 2007.

The application was granted special status based on developing treatment and cures for HIV/AIDS or cancer as set forth in M.P.E.P. § 708.02, Section X. Applicant respectfully requests removal of the special status for business reasons. Applicant is from UK and is familiar with the EPO policy of removing the accelerated status of an application upon request at any time during prosecution. In light of there not being any published guidelines at the USPTO regarding the procedure and criteria for removing the special status of a US application, Applicant respectfully requests the removal of the special status of the instant application.

Further, Applicant had notified the examining corps of Applicant's intention to remove the special status of the application when inquiring for the correct procedure to follow. However, a restriction requirement was issued upon transfer of the application to a new art unit, and Applicant respectfully requests that the restriction requirement be vacated concurrently with the application's removal of special status.

By filing this petition, Applicants respectfully request that the special status accorded this application on December 21, 2006 be removed and that the restriction requirement mailed October 9, 2007 be vacated.

Please charge the \$400 surcharge under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(f), as well as any additional fees required in connection with the papers transmitted herewith to Deposit Account No. 04-1105, Reference No. 302908/69046.

Respectfully submitted,

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